

25th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

At Wymondham College, we are committed to identifying and supporting students who may have caring responsibilities at home. Schools are asked to identify young carers so that we can better understand their needs and ensure appropriate support is available.

A **Young Carer** is a young person under the age of 18 who provides, or intends to provide, care for another person. This may be a parent, guardian, grandparent, sibling or another family member who has a physical or mental health condition, disability, illness or addiction.

The support a young carer provides can take many different forms and may include:

- Doing additional jobs around the home, such as cooking, cleaning or shopping.
- Helping someone to dress, wash or take medication.
- Helping someone to move around inside or outside the home.
- Looking after or supporting siblings.
- Providing emotional support to a family member.
- Helping a family member communicate with health, social care or other professionals.
- Supporting someone who has difficulties with English, communication or digital skills.
- Helping to manage household tasks or finances.

Young carers make an incredibly valuable contribution to their families, and it is important to us that we ensure they are also receiving the support they need to thrive at school.

A young carer may be either a day or boarding student. Caring responsibilities do not have to take place every day, nor do they have to arise because of a permanent illness or disability. A young person may also take on caring responsibilities for a shorter period of time, for example while a family member is unwell or recovering from illness.

If you feel that your child may fit the description above, we would be grateful if you could complete our Microsoft Form, providing as much information as you feel able to share:

[Young Carer: Identification and Support 2026-27 – Fill out form](#)

Please be assured that identifying your child as a young carer will not result in them being singled out or openly identified within the College. Any conversations will be handled sensitively, privately and discreetly, and our aim will always be to understand whether there is any additional support that may be helpful.

Our Young Carers provision is overseen by **Julie Marsh, SLT Young Carers Champion**, with **Craig Morgan, Operational Young Carers Champion**, supporting the day-to-day identification and provision for young carers across the College.

If you are unsure whether your child would be considered a young carer or would simply like to talk through their circumstances before completing the form, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that young carers within our College community are recognised and appropriately supported.

Yours faithfully,

Julie Marsh

Vice Principal